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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : Briefing for the Secretary of State, "Strategic Arms Control Prospects for 1968"

1. The subject briefing which was forwarded to you by General Davis has been reviewed in FMSAC. In general we do not take issue with the Arms Control Discussion, although it is important to note that the basic premise is that the Soviet goal is not to achieve strategic superiority over the U.S. We are much less confident of the present day validity of this premise than we were a year ago, because of the many indications we have been getting of the development by the Soviets of a variety of new strategic weapon systems.

2. So far as the text itself is concerned, a possible omission is the lack of any reference to space weapons or satellite intercept systems. It may be that ACDA considers that last year's treaty on the peaceful uses of space disposed of all such problems; however, it can easily be argued that there are significant loopholes in that document, and that any new Arms Control agreement should treat space offense/defense problems.

3. Finally, merely limiting IR/MRBMs, as suggested on page 12, does not take into account the possibility that IR/MRBM launch sites might be retrofitted to accept ICBMs.

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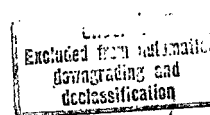
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